view that such disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government remain in touch with the concerned State Governments in this regard.

There is no proposal to set up Boundary Commission at present; the State Government of Assam have taken this dispute to the Supreme Court where it is presently pending.

Loss of forests due to construction of Narmada Sagar Project and Sardar Sarovar Project

1703. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the estimated environmental costs on account of the loss of forests due to the construction of the Narmada Sagar Project and the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) whether these costs have been kept in mind clearing these projects: and

(c) what steps are being taken through which these costs could be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The environmental cost estimated @ Rs. 126.74 lakhs per ha. for the loss of forest with density one is based on the empirical formula devised by the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. This covers the loss of soil fertility, depletion of oxygen, depletion of ground water reserve and soil erosion etc over a period of 50 years without following the discounted cash flow procedure. The environmental cost thus calculated for the loss of forests by Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Project is Rs. 30,923 crores and Rs. 8,190 crores respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Detailed Action Plans are under formulation by the project au horities to take up compensatory afforestation along with Catchment Area Treatment to offset the loss of forests.

Changes effected in the value of rupee

1704. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formula by which the Reserve Bank of India effects changes in the rupee value after taking into account the worth of "basket of currencies".

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what is the mechanism through which such changes are effected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The exchange rate of the rupee is fixed with reference to the value of a basket of currencies, mainly of countries which are India's major trading partners. Reserve Bank of India determines the exchange rate of the rupee based on the fluctuations in the currencies comprising the basket.

Action plan for prevention and control of pollution of river Krishna and its tributaries

1705. SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an action plan for prevention and control of pollution of the river Krishna and its tributaries has been prepared jointly by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra and submitted to the Government of India with the request to include this Action Plan in the remaining years of the Seventh Five